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Whitehall, May 27.

ON the 16th Inſtant the General Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland met at Edinburgh, and choſe for their Moderator Mr. Jo. Lumſden; his Majeſty's Commiſſion to the Right Honourable the Earl of Leven was read, as was likewiſe his Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter to the Aſſembly, and a Committee was appointed to draw up a dutiful Anſwer to his Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter, which being reported, was unanimouſly approved; and having been tranſmitted by the High Commiſſioner to his Grace the Duke of Newcaſtle, one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, has been preſented to his Majeſty, who was pleaſed to receive it very graciouſly. It is as follows.

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

IT is with unſpeakable Joy we received your Majeſty's moſt gracious Letter. As our Attachment to your Majeſty's Perſon and Government, and the Proteſtant Succeſſion in your Royal Family, is the Effect of Principle, Duty and Intereſt; ſo your Majeſty's great Condeſcenſion in taking Notice of our Conduct, during the preſent wicked and unnatural Rebellion, and in putting ſo high an Honour upon us, as to give us Thanks for doing what we were unqueſtionably bound to do; we look upon as a great Proof of that diſtinguiſhing Goodneſs, which makes ſo bright a Part of your Princely Character: The Security of our Religion and Liberty is ſo cloſely interwoven with the Stability of your Throne, that we can claim no Merit when we fall in with our unqueſtionable Duty.

The ready Countenance which your Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed to give to our Meeting at this Time, cannot fail to animate us to give all poſſible Evidences of our unſhaken Loyalty and inviolable Affection to your Majeſty; and particularly, by exciting the People under our Charge to a due Senſe of the Bleſſings they enjoy under the beſt Government, together with a juſt Abhorrence of the worſt, and of all the pernicious Deſigns which tend to ſubvert our holy Religion and good Laws, in order to introduce Popery and Arbitrary Power.

We eſteem the Choice your Majeſty has again made of the Earl of Leven to repreſent your Royal Perſon in this Aſſembly, as another Inſtance of your Majeſty's Goodneſs to the Church of Scotland: His known Zeal for your Majeſty's Service; his firm Adherence on all Occaſions to the true Intereſt of his Country, and eſpecially during its late calamitous State; his great Affection to this Church; and the many and recent Proofs given of his eminent Abilities for diſcharging this high Truſt, render your Majeſty's Choice of him moſt acceptable to us.

The repeated Aſſurance of your Majeſty's unalterable Reſolution to maintain the Church of Scotland in the Poſſeſſion of all her juſt Rights and Privileges, is a further Proof of your Majeſty's Royal Favour, and, under God, the great Security againſt the Invaſions of thoſe who are equally diſaffected to the Crown and this Church. As we do entirely confide in the Aſſurances your Majeſty gives us, ſo they cannot but prompt us to exert ourſelves in making all the Returns of Gratitude and Duty in our Power.

When we reflect upon the diſmal Scene of Blood, Rapine and Oppreſſion, which ſo lately fill'd this Land with Horror; when we view our happy Conſtitution lately threatn'd with Deſtruction; and our Religion and Liberty ready to be offer'd up Victims to Superſtition and Tyranny; and now have the happy Proſpect of ſeeing a ſpeedy and effectual End put to the preſent Rebellion, the Peace of our Country reſtored, and your Majeſty's Subjects again fully poſſeſſed of their Civil and Religious Rights; we cannot but offer our ſincere and humble Thanks to Almighty God, through our Lord and Saviour Jeſus Chriſt, for ſuch ineſtimable Bleſſings, and contribute every Thing in our Power for attaining theſe deſireable Ends. We muſt aſcribe our preſent Tranquillity, under the Divine Providence, to your Majeſty's Care, Vigilance and wiſe Adminiſtration, and to the Conduct and Valour of your Heroick Son Prince William Duke of Cumberland, our ſecond Deliverer and Reſtorer of thoſe Bleſſings procured us by another glorious Prince of that Name, at the late happy Revolution.

Your Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by your High Commiſſioner, to ſignify your Royal Intention of continuing your pious Donation, in order to reform the barbarous Parts of our Country, whereof ſome have lately made the moſt unworthy Requital, engages us, by the ſtrongeſt Ties, to return your Majeſty our moſt humble and hearty Thanks, and to promiſe

miſe our continued Care to manage this Royal Donation in ſuch Manner as may beſt anſwer the good Ends propoſed by your Majeſty.

That your Majeſty may be always under the Divine Care, and long preſerved for the Defence of our holy Religion, and the Happineſs of all your Subjects: That their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales, with their Iſſue, and all your Royal Family, may be highly favoured of God, and made publick Bleſſings to their Country: That Almighty God may make his Royal Highneſs the Duke an eminent Inſtrument under your Majeſty for repreſſing the the Inſolence of Arbitrary Power and Tyranny, and vindicating the Liberties of Europe in general, and of your Majeſty's Dominions in particular: That he may direct your Councils, and proſper your Majeſty's Arms both by Sea and Land with remarkable Succeſs: That a ſpeedy End may be put to this unnatural Rebellion, Peace and Order reſtored, and the Seeds of Diſloyalty may be for ever rooted out of the Minds of your Majeſty's Subjects: And that the Crown may deſcend in your Royal Proteſtant Line to lateſt Poſterity, are and ſhall be the hearty Prayers of,

May it pleaſe your Majeſty,

Your Majeſty's moſt faithful, moſt obedient, and moſt loyal Subjects,

The Miniſters and Elders met in the National Aſſembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our Name, in our Preſence, and at our Appointment, by

Edinburgh, *Jo. Lumſden*, Moderator.
May 17, 1746.

The following Addreſs of the Annual Committee of the Convention of Royal Burrows, as repreſenting the Citizens and Burgeſſes of North Britain, has been preſented to his Majeſty by his Grace the Duke of Argyll: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty.

Moſt Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Annual Committee of the Convention of Royal Burrows, as repreſenting the Citizens and Burgeſſes of North Britain, moſt humbly intreat Permiſſion to congratulate your ſacred Majeſty on the great and important Succeſs of your Majeſty's Arms under his Royal Highneſs the Duke, and on the entire Suppreſſion of the wicked and unnatural Rebellion, which has unhappily long prevailed in this Part of the Iſland.

We have the higheſt Reaſon to be ſenſible of our glorious Deliverance from the greateſt of Evils, and to rejoice, that from being ſubject to inſolent lawleſs Tyranny, we are happily reſtored to our mild and free Government, under a moſt gracious Sovereign, who has always made the Law the Rule of his Conduct.

As your Majeſty's Subjects are again in the full Poſſeſſion of their Rights and Liberties, have their Property ſecured, Commerce and their domeſtick Peace and Tranquillity in a great Meaſure reſtored; as this Felicity is owing to your Majeſty's paternal Care and tranſcendent Wiſdom; we your Majeſty moſt faithful State of Burrows, beg Leave to expreſs our Joy and Acknowledgments with the moſt grateful and ſincere Hearts, and humbly to aſſure your Majeſty of our moſt dutiful and inviolable Attachment to your Royal Perſon and Family, and of our utmoſt Endeavours, in our Sphere, for the Support of your Majeſty's Government, which, by confirm'd Experience, we know to be an ineſtimable Bleſſing to your People.

We earneſtly beſeech the Supreme Being, that the like Succeſs may at all Times attend your Majeſty's Arms, whereof, under the Divine Influence, we have the greateſt Expectations, from the ſuperior Conduct and Valour of the Illuſtrious Hero, deſervedly at the Head of your Majeſty's Troops; and that your Majeſty may live many Years to have the Pleaſure and Glory of beholding your Subjects free, happy and contented, and theſe Parts of the World ſecure in the Enjoyment of the Bleſſings your Majeſty ſhall have procured for them.

Sign'd in Preſence and by Appointment of the annual Committee of the Convention of Royal Burrows in North Britain, by

Edinburgh, *Thomas Allan*, Preſes.
May 13, 1746.

The following Addreſs of the Lord High Steward, Mayor, Under Steward, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the Borough of New Windſor in the County of Berks, has been preſented to his Majeſty by his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, one of the Lords of his Majeſty's Bed-chamber in Waiting: Which Addreſs his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive very graciouſly.

To the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty,

The humble Addreſs of the Lord High Steward, Mayor, Under Steward, Aldermen, Bailiffs, Burgeſſes, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Inhabitants of the Borough of New Windſor in the County of Berks.

WE your Majeſty's moſt dutiful and loyal Subjects, crave Leave to congratulate your Majeſty on the late glorious Victory obtained over the Rebels in Scotland, by the Valour and Conduct of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Cumberland; a Victory of the utmoſt Conſequence, not only to this Nation in particular, (as it has freed us from the diſmal Proſpect of Popery, Slavery and Arbitrary Power) but alſo to all the Proteſtant Powers in Europe, as their Well-being depends on the Welfare and Proſperity of your Majeſty and your Illuſtrious Houſe.

We want Words to expreſs our Abhorrence and Deteſtation of this unnatural Rebellion, and of the inevitable Ruin it muſt have brought on us and our Poſterity, had the Rebels ſucceeded,

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being headed by the Son of a popiſh and abjured Pretender, ſupported by our avow'd and inveterate Enemy the French King, and joined by a Crew of vile wretched Miſcreants, whoſe Principles tend to Rapin and Deſtruction, and from whom therefore, we could have expected nothing leſs than a total Subverſion of our Religion and Liberties, attended with Maſſacres and Murders.

But God be thanked, their Schemes are defeated, and we have the Happineſs to live under your moſt ſacred Majeſty, whoſe diſtinguiſhed Character is, being mild and gracious, and who have always made the Laws of the Land the Rule of your Government, which demands from us the utmoſt Return of Gratitude and Obedience, there being no Power on Earth, under whom we can be a free and happy People, but under your moſt ſacred Majeſty, and your Royal Family.

We earneſtly pray for the Continuance of theſe dear and invaluable Bleſſings to us and our Poſterity, till Time ſhall be no more.

Vienna, May 25. Prince Lichtenſtein has ſucceeded in his Attack on the Convent at St. Lazaro, which is a large Seminary built by Cardinal Alberoni, a ſmall Italian Mile from Placentia. The Prince thought the Spaniards would, in order to ſupport it, have engaged in a general Affair, while he cannonaded it; but they abandon'd it upon the falling of ſome of the Out-Walls, and are now all retired upon the Glacis, under the numerous Cannon of the Town, the whole Spaniſh Artillery, which was deſign'd for the Siege of the Cittadel of Milan, being mounted round the Ramparts of Placentia.

Hamburgh, May 31. The King of Poland, according to our laſt Letters, was ſet out for Frauſtadt, in order to ſign the Univerſalia, for aſſembling the approaching Diet of that Kingdom; but his Poliſh Majeſty propoſed to be back at Dreſden the latter End of this Week. That Court has now formally notified the Death of the Duke of Weiſſenfels, ſignifying at the ſame Time, that that Prince's Poſſeſſions are now devolved to the Elector of Saxony, he having left no Male Iſſue. His Daniſh Majeſty's Dominions ſtill labour under the ſevere Scourge of a Mortality amongſt the Cattle; and according to the laſt Accounts ſent up to Copenhagen from the Diſtricts of Oldenburgh, Delmenhorſt, Holſtein, Slefwick, Jutland, and the Daniſh Iſlands, the Number of Cattle loſt amounted to 570,000. Norway is as yet free from this terrible Calamity. The Diet in Sweden is appointed to be held on the 15th of next September, O. S. and the Candidates, we hear, for the Office of Marſhal, are, the Baron Wrangel, at his Requeſt diſmiſſed from the Number of Senators, the Count Ecklebladt, who was ſome Time the Swediſh Miniſter at the Court of France, and Colonel Palmſtierna, their late Miniſter at the Court of Denmark.

Bruſſels, June 2, *N. S.* We have juſt received Advice, that upon Tueſday laſt, in the Afternoon, the French having batter'd the Cittadel of Antwerp with 50 Mortars and 60 Pieces of Cannon, the Governor was obliged to capitulate, which he did upon very honourable Terms. The Garriſon is to march out with all the Honours of War, and are at Liberty to join the Allied Army. They are to leave the Town To-morrow, and the French King is to make his Entry into Antwerp upon Saturday, where great Preparations are making for his Reception. The ſame Letters add, that the Allies loſt only 40 Men in the Siege, and the French 400: That a large Corps of French Troops was left near Antwerp, in order to obſerve Marſhal Bathiani's Motions; and that the Remainder of their Army was marched in three Columns to lay Siege to Namur and Charleroy. The French King is expected here upon the 9th, and, it is ſaid, that he will preſently after ſet out for Verſailles.

Hague, June 3. The Cittadel of Antwerp capitulated on the laſt Day of laſt Month, both for itſelf, and all the Forts the Empreſs has upon the Scheld. The Garriſon is reported to have obtain'd the Honours of War, and to be in March for the Army, but as yet the Particulars of the Capitulation are not arrived here. The French King is ſuppoſed to have made his Entry into Antwerp as To-day, and his Return to Verſailles is talked of as near at Hand. To judge by the Motions of the Corps under Count d'Etres, which has been reinforced, and is marched off to its Right by Louvain, and by the beſt Advices we have here from the Army and Paris, the French will turn their next Operations towards the Meuſe, and ſet down before Namur, and before Charleroy too, at the ſame Time. The Prince of Conti is named for the Direction of this latter Siege, as Marſhal Boufflers is for that of the former; whilſt Marſhal Saxe, it is given out, is to ſtay with an Army in Brabant, ſufficient to cover both, and to preſerve that Province too. By our freſheſt Advices from Italy, of the 20th paſt, the Auſtrians had ſucceeded in diſlodging the Spaniards from the Convent of St. Lazaro, a Poſt which is repreſented of no ſmall Importance towards diſtreſſing and incommoding the latter in their preſent Poſition. As to the farther Operations of the Piedmonteſe, all Letters have been ſilent ſince the Reduction of Valentia. We hear from Paris, that the Breſt Squadron remain'd at Rochelle upon the 21ſt paſt.

Admiralty-Office, May 8, 1746.

His Majeſty having been graciouſly pleaſed, by his Warrant under his Royal Sign Manual, dated the 10th *of June*, 1733, *to eſtabliſh certain Rules and Orders for the Relief of Poor Widows of Commiſſion and Warrant Officers of the Royal Navy: Theſe are to give Notice, that Copies of the ſaid Rules and Orders are lodged with the Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy at Chatham, Portſmouth, and Plymouth; as alſo with the Clerks of the Checque at Deptford, Woolwich, and Sheerneſs; and with the Naval Officers at Harwich, Deal, and Kinſale; where all ſuch Widows as intend to lay in their Claims, may be informed of all Particulars which entitle them to the Benefit of the ſaid Charity, and receive the proper Certificates for that Purpoſe. But ſuch Widows as live at too great a Diſtance from the Places above-mentioned, may apply by Letter to Mr. Thomas Riley Blanckley, at the Admiralty Office, who will ſend them all neceſſary Information. And the Governors of the ſaid Charity intending to diſtribute to the Sea Officers Widows, whoſe Circumſtances come within the Rules of the Eſtabliſhment, ſuch Sums as the Funds of the ſaid Charity ſhall produce for one Year ending the* 31ſt *Day of this Month, as ſoon as the Pay-books can*

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